

BOY KILLED BY HOME-MADE "BOMB"

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT

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A Coroner made a 15-year-old boy promise him to-night at an inquest that he would never make home-made bombs again. After Clive Wintle had told how his 12-year-old brother, Robin, was killed in an explosion on Saturday, Mr. T. F. Higginson, the mid-Worcestershire Coroner, said: "I want you to promise me that you will never play about with these things again."

The boy explained how he and his brother made "bangers" from a mixture of potassium chlorate, sugar, gunpowder, and sulphur. They packed the mixture into tubes, bored holes in the sides, and then lit the fuses.

Recording a verdict of Misadventure, the Coroner recommended that local chemists should not supply chemicals to children without written authority from an adult who was known to them.

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